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SPECIAL CENTER CLASSIFIED MESSAGE		DATE 24 September 1963		OUT NO.	
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TO: State, ATTN: James Gardner		25X1A9a		ORIGINATOR [REDACTED], ORR	
INFO: 25X1D1a		DIVISION		EXTENSION	
FROM: CIA, [REDACTED]		SOURCE REF.			
TYPE IN CAPITAL LETTERS, DOUBLE SPACED					
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<p>STATE, RCI FOR GARDNER</p> <p>SUBJECT: CORRECTION AND ADDITION TO SPECIAL CENTER MESSAGE ON USE OF DRAFT CIA SPECIAL REPORT "SOVIET GRAIN PURCHASES MEAN MORE SOVIET GOLD"</p> <p>DELETE ITEM (5) AND INSERT INSTEAD: PAGE 9 DELETE ENTIRE PAGE. INSERT</p> <p>INSERT: IN RECENT YEARS SOVIET GOLD RESERVES HAVE BEEN DRAWN DOWN AT A RAPID RATE AS A RESULT OF LARGE GOLD SALES TO FINANCE IMPORTS WHICH COULD NOT BE PAID OUT OF CURRENT EXPORT EARNINGS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SOVIET GOLD RESERVES AT THE END OF 1963 WILL AMOUNT TO ABOUT \$2 BILLION. AS A RESULT OF NORMAL PAYMENTS DEFICITS AND THOSE INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT GRAIN PURCHASES FROM CANADA AND AUSTRALIA SOVIET GOLD RESERVES WOULD BE REDUCED TO LESS THAN \$1.3 BILLION BY THE END OF YEAR 1965. THIS EXCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS BY THE SOVIETS THROUGH EXPANDED EXPORTS, REDUCED IMPORTS, OR THE ACQUISITION OF SIZEABLE NEW MEDIUM TERM CREDITS ON PURCHASES OTHER THAN GRAIN. IF A LARGE GRAIN DEAL WITH THE US IS CONCLUDED THERE WILL, OF COURSE, BE SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON THESE GOLD RESERVES.</p>					
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